

## 27 Verb + -ing (I like cooking); like and would like

- 1 Look at this example:

I like -ing FORM  
listening to music.

(For details on -ing forms, see Table C on page 95.)

We can use certain verbs (e.g. like) with an -ing form:

like enjoy love keep } + -ing FORM  
finish stop mind }

She doesn't like cooking.  
Do you enjoy driving?  
They love living in a village.  
He keeps saying the same things.  
(= He says the same things many times.)  
Have you finished eating?  
Suddenly she stopped talking.  
I don't mind waiting.

- 2 Compare this pair of sentences:

I like working here.  
(= I enjoy my job here.)  
I'd like (= I would like) to get a better job.  
(= I want to get a better job.)

We use like + -ing (e.g. like listening, like

working) to talk about things that we enjoy doing. We use would like to to say that we want to do something. Here are some more examples:

She likes painting pictures.  
(= She enjoys painting pictures.)  
She would like to be an artist.  
(= She wants to be an artist.)

I like going to the theatre.  
(= I enjoy going to the theatre.)  
I'd like to go to the theatre tonight.  
(= I want to go to the theatre tonight.)

Do you like playing cards?  
(= Do you enjoy playing cards?)  
Would you like to play cards now?  
(= Do you want to play now?)

In offers and requests it is more polite to say would like than want:

Would you like to come for dinner? (offer)  
I'd like to leave work early, please. (request)

- 3 We use go + -ing for sports and hobbies that we go out to do, and with shopping:

We often go skiing in the winter.  
Let's go swimming this afternoon.  
She goes dancing at weekends.  
I'm going shopping this afternoon.

### Practice

- A Complete the sentences using a Present Simple form of the first verb in brackets. Study the example first.

- 0 She likes playing (like/play) tennis, but she doesn't like watching (not/like/watch) it.
- 1 The buses \_\_\_\_\_ (stop/run) at midnight.
- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/mind/listen) to his problems.
- 3 He's not very good at playing chess, so he \_\_\_\_\_ (keep/lose).
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy/go) to other countries and she \_\_\_\_\_ (like/meet) new people.
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ (keep/make) the same stupid mistakes!
- 6 They usually \_\_\_\_\_ (finish/eat) at about 8.30 in the evening.
- 7 She \_\_\_\_\_ (not/enjoy/drive), but she \_\_\_\_\_ (love/cycle).
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/like/read) detective novels?
- 9 I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/mind/change) the time of our appointment.
- 10 Please \_\_\_\_\_ (stop/make) that terrible noise!

**B Complete the sentences using *like/not like + -ing* or *would like + to* with the words in brackets.**

- 0 She doesn't like working (work) here. She hates this job and is going to look for a better one.
- 0 Would you like to watch (you / watch) a different programme, or do you want to watch this one?
- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) here. I have lived here for many years and I think it's a nice town.
- 2 Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a journalist when she leaves university. She wants to work on a newspaper or a magazine.
- 3 I \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) so early every morning, but I have to do it.
- 4 I \_\_\_\_\_ (go out) for dinner in an Italian restaurant tonight.
- 5 Clare \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a job in the United States. She wants to work in Boston or in New York.
- 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television all the time; I think it's a waste of time.
- 7 Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) on the beach when she's on holiday. She doesn't like swimming or going on trips.
- 8 I \_\_\_\_\_ (discuss) something important with you this afternoon.
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (you/come) to a party at my house next Saturday?
- 10 I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) nothing this weekend — I'm very tired.
- 11 Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to parties; she always enjoys them.
- 12 Bruce \_\_\_\_\_ (cook), so he often eats in restaurants.
- 13 A: Susan is working as a secretary in an office in the centre of London.  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in an office?  
A: No, she hates it. She \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a different job.
- 14 A: What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) next summer?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) South America, but I might not have enough money.

**C Look at the pictures. They show what John did last week on holiday. Complete the sentences using the correct form of *go* and a verb from the box.**

dance  
 shop  
 sail  
 swim  
 ski  
 cycle



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday

- 0 On Monday he went shopping.
- 1 On Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 On Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 On Thursday \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 On Friday \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 On Saturday \_\_\_\_\_